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MINUTES OF NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 12
15 November 1948

1. Members present were as follows:

Dr. Dunn	State
Dr. Appleton	State
Col. MacLean	Army
Lt. Col. DeHority	Navy
Cdr. Howell	Navy
Maj. Gamber	Air Force
	CIA (Chairman)
	CIA

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2. It was pointed out that the State member's minutes of NIS Committee Meeting No. 11 are in error as to what CIA is to report monthly to the IAC Agencies. The minutes state that CIA is to report on the following:

- a. The status of production in all IAC Agencies on all NIS in the 1948-49 production schedule.
- b. The status of NIS work in its own shop.

Actually, CIA is to report monthly to the IAC Agencies on the following:

- a. The publication status of NIS.
- b. The publication status of gazetteers.
- c. The progress in the production of base maps.

3. It was pointed out that, since State is section coordinator for all sections of Chapter VI and Army, Navy, and Air Force merely contribute subsections to the sections, the latter three Agencies should pass all their Chapter VI contributions and monthly progress reports to State rather than CIA, as announced at the last meeting.

4. It was announced that considerable difficulty has arisen in JANIS in connection with sketches for towns and ports. It was suggested that consideration be given to using a single base plan for a town and then using separate overlays, one showing the details of towns, the other showing the details of ports.

5. It was announced that Map Branch, CIA, will finish up cartographic contributions for State (including those of Agriculture and Interior).

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6. Copies of proposed changes in Standard Instructions for National Intelligence Surveys were distributed and examined. Two alterations in proposed changes were effected. The members are to take up the proposed changes with their Agencies and report concurrence or comment.

7. It was pointed out that the first four areas scheduled under Chapter VII for FY 1949 are areas (29, 28, 53, 31) in which there is undoubtedly little to report on scientific research and development. It was suggested that consideration be given to treating the scientific aspect of these countries as provided for in Part II, C5 ("NOTE"), Editorial Instructions. The Army member agreed to take the matter up with the Chapter VII Sub-committee.

8. Air Force's recommendation that Sections 83, NIS, be classified TOP SECRET was discussed. Members were reminded of the definition of the type of material which is to be classified TOP SECRET and it was pointed out that this classification is generally too restrictive for basic intelligence material, which has a large number of legitimate users. It was also pointed out that it is not necessary to disclose sources in NIS. The Air Force member agreed to ask that the matter be reconsidered in his Agency to determine whether it is not feasible to do one of the following:

a. Classify the entire section lower than TOP SECRET.

b. Issue parts or all of certain of these sections as TOP SECRET supplements.

9. Inquiry was made as to the status of lists of secondary contributors to NIS which are to be turned in to BIG. Army and Navy have turned in their lists. State and Air Force are to turn in theirs shortly.

10. Distribution of Standard Instructions to foreign areas was discussed. Army has distributed these Instructions to all military attaches and overseas commands. Navy has made similar distribution. Air Force has made no such distribution. State has made partial distribution. The question arose because of State's inquiry as to the advisability of distributing the Instructions to its field representatives and of so possibly duplicating the number of copies at some stations. The consensus was that State should distribute the Instructions to its field representatives.

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11. The matter of Agency clearance to [REDACTED] was taken up. A memorandum on the subject from the Assistant Director, ORE, to the DCI and the comments of I&S Branch were read. The consensus was that the Chairman should address a formal memorandum on the subject to the members so that each could expeditiously secure clearance by his Agency.

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12. It was announced that a memorandum has been sent to the DCI recommending liberalization of the policy for dissemination of SID-USSR so that it may be made available to legitimate non-IAC Agency users.

13. Copies of the Proposed Tentative NIS Production Schedule - FY 1950 were distributed and examined. Several changes were made therein. The members are to make more complete examination in their Agencies and report to BIG their concurrence, comment, or both.

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